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## [Despatch Abstract.]

Prohibition - Working of the Act - March, 1948 - Report - Recorded

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The following report on the working of Prohibition during March, 1948, in the 16 districts where it is now in force is published for information.

## I Enforcement.

Cases:- Old Prohibition districts:-viz., Anantapur, Bellary Kurnool, Cuddapah, Chittoor, North Arcot, Salem and Coimbatore.

The number of cases detected in March, 1948 was 4190 as against 3868 in February 1948. There was an appreciable increase in the number of cases in North Arcot district while there was a fall in Kurnool district. Of the total number of cases, 51% related to illicit distillation and kindred offences as against 54% in the previous month. There was a slight fall in the total number of illicit distillation cases. During the two raids conducted in Adoni, large seizures totalling about 3600 gallons of wash and 28 gallons of I D arrack were effected. In Salem district 760 unclaimed pots with about 6865 gallons of fermented wash were seized and destroyed. There was a slight fall in the number of cases of smuggling of liquor from foreign territory during the month (i.e. 21 as compared with 25 during the previous month). 23 cases of illicit tapping for fermented toddy were reported in the month as against 7 cases in the previous month. Except for 1 case of possession of 120 tolas of Mysore ganja none of the cases relating to intoxicating drugs needs e special mention.

New Prohibition districts viz., Guntur, Nellore, the Nilgiris, South Kanara, Malabar, Tanjore, Trichinopoly and Madura:-

The total number of cases detected in these districts showed a slight increase from 1501 cases during February 1948 to 1690 in March 1948. Of the total number of cases detected, only 19% related to illicit distillation and kindred offences as against 23% during the previous month. No case of illicit distillation was reported in the Nilgiris and Tanjore districts during the month.

Assistance of officials of other departments and non-official
The co-operation of the Police in the Ceded districts and in the districts of Guntur, Nellore, the Nilgiris and Malabar was good. The taluk and village Prohibition Committees were not active during the month. There was co-operation from the village officers in Salem, North Arcot and Chittoor districts. In the other districts there was only meagre co-operation or no co-operation at all. Officials of other departments rendered help in Cuddapah, Salem, Coimbatore, North Arcot and Tanjore districts. Outsiders other than regular informers rendered assistance to a great extent in Salem and North Arcot districts. Their co-operation was appreciable in Chittoor and Malabar districts.

## II. Ameliorative work

Substitutes for drink:- The tea and coffee stalls in almos all the districts are attracting people. Several of these shops have been equipped with gramophones and radios and they have become centres of counter attraction to ex-addicts. The mobile tea canteens of the Indian Tea Marketing Expansion Board continued to supply tea at fair rates in Madura and North Arcot districts. The Board also supplied tea in Calicut town in Malabar district and in Erode and Bhavani in Gem Coimbatore district. The sweet toddy beverage scheme introduced in Salem district as an experimental measure continued to work under the supervision of the First Assistant of the Board's Laboratory in two places.

Rural Recreation:- The 120 Rural Welfare Officers who were on duty visited 1431 villages and organised rural

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games in 1156 villages. 134 tournaments were held during the month. The cattle shows held in Salem, Kurnool, Anantapur, Bellary and Nellore districts attracted large crowds.

Bhajanas, Harikathas, Kathaprasangams, Cinemas and Dramas:-

Bhajanas, Harikathas and Kalashapams were held in 1108 villages in the month. Folk dances, dramas or cinema shows were conducted in 648 villages at the instance of the ameliorative staff In Tanjore district a 16 m.m. cine projector and three 16 m.m. films were purchased out of the district ameliorative fund and the films were shown in 9 villages, Dramatic troupes subsidised by the Government gave performances in Chittoor and Anantapur districts.

Ballad singers:- Excluding Madura district for which figures were not available 56 ballad singers were on duty during the month. They visited 605 villages, organised community singing in 225 villages and trained 1861 villages in community during the month.

Gramasangams:- 775 gramasangams were organised during the month. Out of the gramasangams formed till the end of the month, 5541 were active during the month. They attended to various beneficial activities.

Rural uplift schools:- One rural uplift school was opened during the month at Tiruverambur in Trichinopoly district.

Thrift:- A total of Rs. 12,017 was saved in Hindi boxes during the month in all the prohibition districts except the Nilgiris and Nellore for which figures were not received.

Co-operative activities:- The Aydyapatnam Wool Carpet Industries Co-operative Society in Salem is continuing to give training to 15 tappers in Woolden drugget making. Co-operative societies for Honey production and brassware and tape manufacture and a Leather-workers' Co-operative Society were organised in Guntur district. 3 milk supply societies in addition to the two existing ones were organised in Madura district. A milk supply society was started at ~~Aydhy~~ Ayodhythapatnam in Salem district. A society was organised in Guntur district and 4 societies were re-registered in Tanjore district.

Land Colonisation Societies:- The ameliorative staff in Malabar did intensive propaganda to persuade ex-tappers to settle on lands in Wynaad and to avail themselves of the benefits of the service centre started at papinisseri with a view to Settle some of the ex-tappers in North Malabar in ceramic industry.

Uplift of women:- The Department of Women's Welfare took an active part in promoting the welfar of women folk in Coimbatore Trichinopoly and Tanjore districts.

Employment of ex-Tappers:- In the 11 Prohibition districts in which the Government have sanctioned the formation of Co-operative societies for the manufacture of jaggery. 412 Societies were formed in which 26295 ex-tappers were absorbed till the end of the month.

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